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"ERASE METHOD OF SPLIT GATE FLASH  
MEMORY REFERENCE CELLS"

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application for patent as follows:

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Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the Claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

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